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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE ON THE OZONE LAYER

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1. REFTEL (A) INFORMS THAT WHO MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN
AUGUST 25-26 INTERAGENCY MEETING IN GENEVA TO PLAN INTER-
NATIONAL CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR ON RISKS TO OZONE LAYER.

2. US BELIEVES THAT HUMAN HEALTH EFFECTS OF POTENTIAL
OZONE DEPLETION ARE VERY POORLY UNDERSTOOD AND THAT CURRENT
RESEARCH EFFORTS ARE LAGGING FAR BEHIND STUDIES OF ATMOS-
PHERE CHEMISTRY AND PHYSICS. IN FACT, US SUPPORT FOR CON-
FERENCE WAS BASED ON BELIEF THAT ALL RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS
SHOULD GET TOGETHER TO AGREE ON THE COMPONENTS AND DIVISION
OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTING A BALANCED COMPREHEN-
SIVE PROGRAM OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DESIGNED TO DETERMINE
THE NATURE AND MAGNITUDE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE OZONE DEPLE-
TION, AND ESPECIALLY TO ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ANY

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DEPLETION FOR MAN AND HIS ENVIRONMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT

SPECIAL EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE HUMAN EFFECTS AREA
BASED ON THE RELATIVE ABSENCE OF WORK TO DATE.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT MISSION DETERMINE WHETHER WHO
WILL BE REPRESENTED AT AUGUST 25-26 PLANNING MEETING, AND

THAT ITS PARTICIPATION BE URGED IF NECESSARY BASED ON US
VIEW THAT PLANNING GROUP SHOULD INCLUDE EXPERT WHO CAN
PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON HEALTH EFFECTS COMPONENT OF CONFERENCE
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